

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PANAMA 04931 231728Z

73

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOT-00 EB-11 FMC-04 INR-11 NSAE-00 RSC-01 CG-00

COA-02 DLOS-07 SWF-02 L-03 SAB-01 DRC-01 /099 W

----- 038697

R 222200Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1593

INFO AMEMBASSY MONTROVIA

USMISSION OECD PARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PANAMA 4931

VIA POUCH: ATHENS, BERN, BONN, BRASILIA, BRUSSELS, BUENOS AIRES,
CANBERRA, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, HELSINKI, LONDON, MADRID,
MOSCOW, NEW DELHI, OSLO, OTTAWA, PARIS, ROME, STOCKHOLM,
TOKYO, VIENNA, WELLINGTON, HAMBURG, RIO DE JANEIRO, EC BRUSSELS,
GENEVA, UN, USLO PEKING

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, OECD, PN, UNCTAD, UN

SUBJ: SHIPPING: UN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCE

REFS: A) USMISSION OECD PARIS 18793

B) STATE 172016

C) STATE 164561

D) STATE A-5007

SUMMARY: EMBASSY PROVIDED DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING
AFFAIRS KOURUKLIS WITH INFORMATION ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER
CONFERENCES SUPPLIED BY REPAIR. KOURUKLIS HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF
MATTER AND SAID HE WOULD STUDY THE INFORMATION AND INITIATE
DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE. HE SAID CODE CERTAINLY
APPEARED PREJUDICIAL TO PANAMA'S INTEREST. END SUMMARY

1. COPIES OF ATTACHMENTS PROVIDED BY REPAIR SUPPLIED TO GOP
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PANAMA 04931 231728Z

DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS OF FINANCE MINISTRY,

PANA ANGEL KOURUKLIS. KOURUKLIS HAD PREVIOUSLY SOLICITED FROM EMBASSY U S POSITION ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO AMEND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) CONVENTION. THUS THERE EXISTED INFORMAL CHANNEL AVAILABLE FOR LOW-KEY APPROACH SUGGESTED IN REF B. KOURUKLIS HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN PAST ON OTHER SHIPPING MATTERS AND PROMISED TO GIVE CONVENTION ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT HIS FULL ATTENTION.

2. PANAMA, UNLIKE LIBERIA, REGULATES ITS SHIPPING AFFAIRS ITSELF THROUGH KOURUKLIS' OFFICE IN PANAMA AND ITS CONSULATES AROUND THE WORLD. CERTAIN TECHNICAL MATTERS SUCH AS LOAD LINE CERTIFICATION ARE TAKEN CARE OF THROUGH APPROVED SHIPPING AGENTS SUCH AS LLOYD'S BUREAU AND THE AMERICAN BUREAU. KOURUKLIS, WHO HAS BEEN CONSUL IN HOUSTON, IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING HIS ORGANIZATION UNDER BETTER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL. HE, INCIDENTALLY, WISHES TO DO AWAY WITH NEGATIVE CONNOTATION ATTACHED TO "FLAG OF CONVENIENCE" LABEL AND STATED THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PANAMANIAN AND AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS WAS IN WAGE RATES, LICENSE FEES AND TAXES AND NOT IN SAFETY STANDARDS.

3. IN DISCUSSING EFFECTS OF CODE, ECOMOFF DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PREJUDICIAL EFFECT AGAINST THIRD COUNTRY SHIPPING, ESPECIALLY CARGO-SHARING PROVISION. KOURUKLIS AGREED THAT CODE CERTAINLY APPEARED TO BE AGAINST BEST INTEREST OF PANAMA AND THAT PANAMA SHOULD PROBABLY NOT SIGN. HE SPECULATED AHT PANAMANIAN DELEGATE AT GENEVA CONFERENCE HAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE CODE FOR USUAL REASON OF SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER LDC'S. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT WHAT PANAMA'S POSITION SHOULD HAVE BEEN. HE WENT ON THAT FREQUENTLY FOREIGN OFFICE DID NOT PROPERLY CONSULT WITH HIS OFFICE ON PANAMA'S POSITION REGARDING SHIPPING DISPUTES. HE SAID HE WOULD BRING MATTER UP FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN HIS MINISTRY AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND WOULD ALSO CALL DIRECTLY TO SEE WHO WAS HANDLING MATTER.

4. COMMENT: INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO DOURUKLIS PROBABLY SUFFICIENT TO PERSUADE HIM THAT PANAMA SHOULD NOT SIGN CONVENTION. MINISTRY OF FINANCE MUST NOW SORT OUT WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WHO MAKES DECISION ON SIGNING. EMBASSY BELIEVES MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BLOCK THE SIGNING INDEFINITELY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 PANAMA 04931 231728Z

IF NOT GET AN OUTRIGHT DECISION NOT TO SIGN.
JORDEN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MARINE TRANSPORTATION, MARITIME LAW, STEAMSHIP LINES, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 AUG 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PANAMA04931
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740234-0206
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740826/aaaaawfc.tel
Line Count: 109
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A) USMISSION OECD PARIS 18793
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 MAR 2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <15 MAY 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SHIPPING: UN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERECE
TAGS: EFIN, PN, US, OECD, UNCTAD, UN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005